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To

the Commander
of the British Army of Rhine.

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Petition for Clemency.

My husband is the prisoner Otto Kulesa, born at Rastenburg (Eastern Prussian) on 4-1-1892. I, his wife, Marta Kulesa, born on 1-1-1892 at Rastenburg submit the following petition for clemency with regard to my husband.

Dear Sir, I had to flee from Eastern Prussian with my two children. We lost everything and could only save what we were wearing on our bodies. Now both my children are unemployed and I have no money for our living. I need the man, who could help us. I myself am 58 years old and unable to work in consequence of all the excitements which were caused by the war. The doctor declared me to be at 50% disabled and forbade me to do any work because of a serious disease of the heart. Can you understand our distress, as there is never enough to eat and we are always hungry?

My husband is war-disabled from the first world-war 1914-1918. Why is my husband held in custody for so long although he feels not guilty? Has justice really come out of use in the world? Can God admit that my husband must live behind high walls for such a long time? I think the Lord in heaven will once recompensate justice and injustice.

What is my husband to do when he comes home and is old and maybe suffering from tuberculosis of the lungs? Then is there only one solution for us e.i. that we all together die by hunger. Therefore I beg you, please give my husband free. I do not know what I am to do when there comes no change. In this case the only possibility would be to open the gas-tap and then all hard had an end.

I beg you Sir, for favourable consideration of my petition so that my husband may come home soon and that we can buy food and the clothing we need urgently.

Respectfully

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